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# Are Your Keys Sticky? It May Not Be the Key!

**T**he pins are the primary moving parts inside a lock. They move up and down inside the cylinders and make it so that the right key works and the wrong key doesn't. The springs keep the pins moving properly by applying the proper amount of resistance against the cuts on the key.

### *The Springs & Pins May Cause Your Key to Stick*

If the pins are the wrong size or worn out and/or the springs are weak in the cylinder, your lock will seem to "stick." This is felt when you insert the key and start to turn the lock. If you feel a little hitch or you have to wiggle the key to get it to turn, chances are the springs and pins need to be replaced.

### *The "Sticky Key" Solution*

The solution to this "sticky key" problem is to rekey the lock. Usually by replacing the springs and pins this problem can be eliminated. Best of all, you don't have to change keys when you rekey. The pins can be replaced to fit the key you have now.

### *It Isn't a Big Deal...Until Your Key Breaks-off*

While a sticky lock can be annoying, you may think, "what's the big deal?"

The big deal usually appears

at the worst time when the key snaps off in the lock or you find the lock doesn't work at all and you are completely locked out!

